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- What do you like about the community?
  - Close to the Airport
  - New construction
  - Planned developments have a mix of uses
  - Proximity to towns and wineries
  - Close knit community
  - o Pride in homes
  - Well maintained homes
  - Family environment
  - Location
    - Close to national zoo and Skyline Drive
    - Equidistant to Leesburg, Ashburn, Dulles Retail
  - o Proximity to park facilities (but located at edges, not interior)
  - Exciting to see new development
  - Lots of tot lots
  - Family and jobs draws for remaining in the community
- Needs/Issues/Concerns
  - o More retail, amenities, for households with no children
  - Concern about taxes
    - More businesses may help this (need commercial taxes to pay for roads)
  - Business development on fringe of airport
    - Surround airport with tax paying businesses
  - o Town centers (restaurants, theaters, etc.
  - High end retail
  - Central town/central attraction (attract out of town visitors)
  - Newspaper that focuses on Dulles Community
  - Farmers market, organized community events
    - Central location (Avonlea?)
    - Put community events on a website, The Loudoun County website is old fashioned an uninviting
  - 50 as a major business thoroughfare
    - Minimal landscaping requirements (so businesses are visible)
    - Need signs to make businesses more visible
  - o Bike connections, link to trails
  - Public transportation needed to the planned town centers
    - Bus routes need better timed stops and an app to make them more user friendly
  - o Employment centers/areas needed in Dulles
  - Education/medical/tech center
  - Businesses desired
    - Target

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- Chipotle
- Dining
- Class A Office Space near metro
- Assisted living
- Office space near airport
- Hotels
- Saturday satellite offices for Loudoun County Government
- Something like Fairfax Corner
- o Entertainment desired
  - Community events (Town Center)
  - Skating rink
  - 12 to 16 yr old entertainment close to neighborhoods
  - Entertainment within town center
- Transportation needs
  - Streetlight at Poland and Tall Cedars
  - Streetlight at Tall Cedars and Elk Lick
  - Improvement of Gum Springs and Evergreen Mills intersection
  - Extend Creighton down to 606
  - More bus stops and public transportation in general
  - Ladbrook to Westwind
  - Crosswalk Braddock Rd to Cardinal Ridge ES
  - Destiny Dr and Mineral Springs intersection is dangerous
  - More traffic calming
  - Speeding enforcement
- County Facilities needed
  - Post office
  - Library
  - Passive Parks
- Housing needs
  - Single level
  - Affordable
  - Assisted living
- What else would you like to see in community?
  - Variety in development and uses
  - Pedestrian friendly
    - Wide sidewalks
    - Trails are hard to find within parks
  - More interesting things to do within shopping centers
  - Attracting businesses
    - Lunch/daytime traffic
    - Need for more non-retail office uses

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- Mixed-use development
- Linear parks/trails
  - Stream valley corridors
  - Power line easements